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distinguish among various levels of a student's academic performance.

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§ 691.16 Recognition of a rigorous secondary school program of study.

(a) For an award year, the Secretary recognizes in each State at least one rigorous secondary school program of study as established by an SEA or, if legally authorized by the State to establish a separate secondary school program of study, an LEA.

(b) For each award year, the Secretary establishes a deadline for SEAs and LEAs to submit information about the secondary school program or programs that the SEA or LEA establishes as a rigorous secondary school program of study, and, in the case of an LEA, documentation that the LEA is legally authorized by the State to establish a separate secondary school program of study. An SEA and LEA, if applicable, may submit information—

(1) For students graduating during the current school year; and

(2) For students graduating during one or more specified upcoming school years.

(c) In establishing a rigorous secondary school program of study, the SEA, or the LEA if applicable, must consider separate identifiable secondary programs that—

(1) Are offered by secondary schools in the State, including public, charter, private, tribal, and home schools;

(2) Are considered by the SEA, or by the LEA if applicable, to prepare a student to successfully pursue postsecondary education; and

(3) Are not General Education Development (GED) Certificate programs.

(d) In addition to those programs established by States or LEAs and recognized by the Secretary as rigorous under paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, the Secretary recognizes the following secondary school programs of study as rigorous:

(1) Advanced or honors secondary school programs established by States

and in existence for the 2004–2005 school year or later school years, as identified by the Secretary.

(2) Any secondary school program in which a student successfully completes at a minimum the following courses:

(i) Four years of English.

(ii) Three years of mathematics, including algebra I and a higher-level class such as algebra II, geometry, or data analysis and statistics.

(iii) Three years of science, including one year each of at least two of the following courses: biology, chemistry, and physics.

(iv) Three years of social studies.

(v) One year of a language other than English.

(3) A secondary school program identified by a State—level partnership that is recognized by the State Scholars Initiative of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE), Boulder, Colorado.

(4) Any secondary school program for a student who completes at least two courses from an International Baccalaureate Diploma Program sponsored by the International Baccalaureate Organization, Geneva, Switzerland, and receives a score of “4” or higher on the examinations for at least two of those courses.

(5) Any secondary school program for a student who completes at least two Advanced Placement courses and receives a score of “3” or higher on the College Board's Advanced Placement Program Exams for at least two of those courses.

(e) For each award year, the Secretary publishes a list of rigorous secondary school programs of study that the Secretary recognizes.

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§ 691.17 Determination of eligible majors.

(a) *Eligible major.* For each award year, the Secretary identifies the eligible majors in the physical, life, or computer sciences, mathematics, technology, engineering, or, as determined

under paragraph (b) of this section, critical foreign languages.

(b) *Critical foreign languages.* For each award year, the Secretary identifies the foreign languages that are critical to the national security of the United States after consulting with the Director of National Intelligence.

(c) *Designation of eligible majors.* For each award year, the Secretary publishes a list of eligible majors identified by CIP code.

(d) *Designation of an additional eligible major.* For each award year, the Secretary establishes a deadline for an institution to request designation of an additional eligible major.

(1) Requests for designation of an additional eligible major must include—

(i) The CIP code and program title of the additional major;

(ii) The reason or reasons the institution believes the additional major should be considered an eligible program under this part; and

(iii) Documentation showing that the institution has actually awarded or plans to award a bachelor's degree in the requested major.

(2) For each award year, the Secretary will confirm the final list of eligible majors.

(e) *Duration of eligible major.* A major that ceases to be listed as an eligible major under paragraph (a) of this section for an award year remains an eligible major in subsequent award years for a student who pursues that major and receives a National SMART Grant in the award year in which the major was an eligible major.

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Subparts C-E [Reserved]

Subpart F—Determination of Awards

§ 691.61 Submission process and deadline for a Student Aid Report or Institutional Student Information Record.

(a) *Submission process.* (1) Except as provided in paragraph (a)(2) of this section, an institution must disburse an ACG or a National SMART Grant to a

student who is eligible under § 691.15 and is otherwise qualified to receive that disbursement and electronically transmit disbursement data to the Secretary for that student if—

(i) The student submits a valid SAR to the institution; or

(ii) The institution obtains a valid ISIR for the student.

(2) In determining a student's eligibility to receive a grant under this part, an institution is entitled to assume that the SAR information or ISIR information is accurate and complete except under the conditions set forth in 34 CFR 668.16(f) and 668.60.

(b) *Student Aid Report or Institutional Student Information Record deadline.* Except as provided in the verification provisions of 34 CFR 668.60 and the late disbursement provisions of 34 CFR 668.164(g) of this chapter, for a student to receive a grant under this part in an award year, the student must submit the relevant parts of the valid SAR to his or her institution or the institution must obtain a valid ISIR by the earlier of—

(1) The last date that the student is still enrolled and eligible for payment at that institution; or

(2) By the deadline date established by the Secretary through publication of a notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

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§ 691.62 Calculation of a grant.

(a)(1) For each award year, the Secretary establishes and announces the ACG and National SMART Grant Scheduled Awards depending on the availability of funds for all students who are eligible for a grant under § 691.15.

(2) The Secretary may revise the ACG and National SMART Grant Scheduled Awards in an award year depending on the availability of funds for all students who are eligible for a grant under § 691.15.

(b)(1) The maximum ACG Scheduled Award for an eligible student may be up to—

(i) \$750 for the first academic year of the student's eligible program; and

(ii) \$1,300 for the second academic year of the student's eligible program.

(2) The maximum National SMART Grant Scheduled Award for an eligible